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Hi,

I'm concerned to read press reports that show this settlement as merely trying to prevent Microsoft's future bad behaviour, without punishing its current misdemeanours.

I know that Microsoft is unhappy about a break-up, but fundamentally is that such a bad thing? Microsoft is a monopoly in several IT spaces. If MS was split into three - Operating Systems and Tools, Back Office Servers, User Applications, would that really hinder the companies ability to innovate?

I realise that much software is starting to have both server and client components, ie exchange without outlook doesn't work, so Data Analysis requires some functionality from SQL Server.

Looking forward to a better outcome from this for all of us ...

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